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Letter dated 25 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward to you the communiqué of the Eleventh Arusha Regional Consultative Summit on Burundi which was held in Tanzania on 19 July 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its text could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Press communiqué of the Eleventh Arusha Regional Consultative Summit on Burundi, held on 19 July 2000

1. At the invitation of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of the Republic of Uganda and President Benjamin William Mkapa of the United Republic of Tanzania, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Regional Initiative for Burundi respectively, Presidents Daniel T. Arap Moi of the Republic of Kenya, Frederick J. T. Chiluba of the Republic of Zambia, Pierre Buyoya of the Republic of Burundi, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of the Republic of Ethiopia and H.E. Dr. Donat Kaberuka, Minister of Finance and Planning representing Major General Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, met at Arusha, Tanzania, on 19 July 2000.

2. Also participating in the Summit were H.E. Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and Ambassador Berhanu Dinka, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region.

3. The Consultative Summit was briefed by the Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Negotiations, H.E. Nelson R. Mandela, on the progress of the negotiations. The Summit noted with satisfaction that the negotiations have reached a very advanced and encouraging stage. In this regard, the Summit commended the Facilitator, members of the Facilitation Team and the Burundian negotiating parties whose efforts and commitments have made the progress possible.

4. The Summit met separately with leaders of the Burundian Negotiating Parties and called upon them to redouble their efforts and commitment to the negotiations in the spirit of give and take so as to resolve all outstanding differences and reach an agreement as soon as possible.

5. The Summit commended the countries of the Great Lakes Region and the international community for their dedication to the search for peace in Burundi. Furthermore, it called upon the international community, particularly the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and donor countries, to continue lending material and moral support to the negotiations, especially at this crucial stage when an agreement is within reach, and to prepare to support the process of implementation once the peace agreement is signed.

6. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Summit expressed its appreciation to President Benjamin William Mkapa, the Government and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania, for hosting the Summit and for the cordial reception and hospitality accorded to all delegations who attended the Summit.